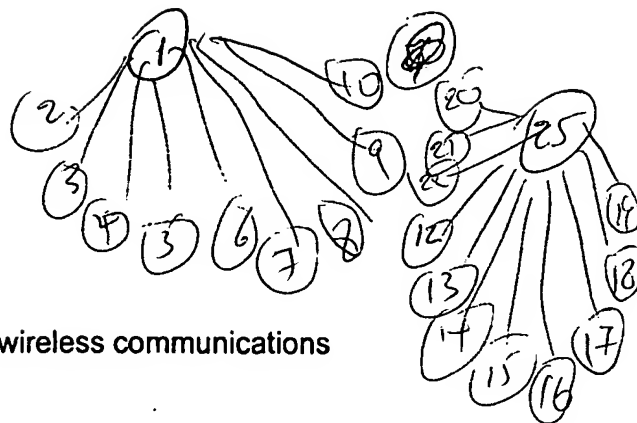


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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a public wireless communications system comprising:

at a mobile terminal:

in response to a triggering event initiated by an occurrence of a certain type of situation, transmitting a message on a signaling channel on the wireless communications system information that comprises previously stored user-specific information that is associated with the type of situation that has occurred, information that identifies the mobile terminal, and information that identifies a type of destination of all the information to which the message is directed and which is also associated with the type of situation that has occurred, wherein when a mobile switching center in the public wireless communications system receives the message, it determines an actual destination endpoint to which the message should be routed from the type of destination information in the message and routes the message to the actual destination endpoint, the message being routed to the actual destination endpoint without establishing an end-to-end connection between the mobile terminal and the actual destination endpoint.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the information message further comprises a geo-location of the mobile terminal.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the information message further comprises a time and date associated with the triggering event.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the information message further comprises a digitized voice snippet of a user.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the triggering event is an input entered by a user at the mobile terminal.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the triggering event is detecting an occurrence of a predetermined event external to the mobile terminal.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the type of destination is a destination information indicates that the transmitted information is destined to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and the stored user specific information comprises user medical information.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the information message further comprises a priority, the information being transmitted on the wireless communications system in accordance with the priority.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the information message is transmitted within at least one packet, the at least one packet having a header that indicates a the type of destination for the information.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the signaling channel is an SMS or an SMS-like signaling channel.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the actual destination endpoint is a mobile terminal and the received information message is forwarded on a signaling channel on the wireless communications system to a the mobile terminal at or associated with the predetermined actual destination endpoint on a signaling channel.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the actual destination endpoint has an associated email address and the received information message is forwarded in an email message sent to an the email address associated with the predetermined destination.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the actual destination endpoint is a voice terminal and the user-specific information in the received information message is converted to a voice signal and is forwarded to the a voice terminal at the predetermined destination endpoint or at a location associated with the predetermined destination.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the actual destination endpoint is a data terminal and the received message information is forwarded on a data network to a the data terminal at the predetermined destination or at a location associated with the predetermined destination.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the received information message further comprises a geo-location of the mobile terminal.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the received information message further comprises a time and data date associated with the triggering event.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the received information message further comprises a digitized voice snippet of a user.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the user specific information in the received message ~~received information~~ comprises user medical information, the ~~predetermined~~ actual destination endpoint is a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), and the received information message is forwarded to ~~a nearest~~ the PSAP that is nearest to the mobile switching center.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the received information message is within at least one packet, the packet having a header that indicates a the type of destination for the information message.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the signaling channel is an SMS ~~or an SMS-like~~ signaling channel.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 25 wherein the received information message further comprises a priority and the ~~information~~ message is forwarded routed to the predetermined actual destination endpoint in accordance with the priority.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer readable media tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a computer to perform a method at a mobile terminal operating on a public wireless communications system, the method comprising:

in response to a triggering event initiated by an occurrence of a certain type of situation, transmitting a message on a signaling channel ~~on the wireless communications system~~ information that comprises previously stored user-specific information that is associated with the type of situation that has occurred, information that identifies the mobile terminal, and information that identifies a type of destination of all the information to which the message is directed and which is also associated with the type of situation that has occurred, wherein when a mobile switching center in the public wireless communications system receives the message, it determines an actual destination endpoint to which the message should be routed from the type of destination information in the message and routes the message to the actual destination endpoint, the message being routed to the actual destination endpoint without establishing an end-to-end connection between the mobile terminal and the actual destination endpoint.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) A method in a public wireless communications system comprising:

at a mobile switching center:

receiving on a signaling channel a message that was sent by a mobile terminal in response a triggering event that was initiated in response to an occurrence of a certain type of situation, the message comprising user-specific information that was previously stored at the mobile terminal and is associated with the type of situation that has occurred, information that identifies the mobile terminal, and information that identifies a type of destination to which the message is directed and which is also associated with the type of situation that has occurred,

determining an actual destination endpoint from the type of destination information in the message; and

routing the message to the actual destination endpoint, the message being routed to the actual destination endpoint without establishing an end-to-end connection between the mobile terminal and the actual destination endpoint.

26. (New) A computer readable media tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a computer to perform a method at a mobile switching center in a public wireless communications system, the method comprising:

receiving on a signaling channel a message that was sent by a mobile terminal in response to a triggering event that was initiated in response to an occurrence of a certain type of situation, the message comprising user-specific information that was previously stored at the mobile terminal and is associated with the type of situation that has occurred, information that identifies the mobile terminal, and information that identifies a type of destination to which the message is directed and which is also associated with the type of situation that has occurred,

determining an actual destination endpoint from the type of destination information in the message; and

routing the message to the actual destination endpoint, the message being routed to the actual destination endpoint without establishing an end-to-end connection between the mobile terminal and the destination endpoint.